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A cleaning device (17) comprising a cleaning member (43,43a) contactable to a moving image bearing member (11) to clean a surface of the image bearing member; holding means (47,41,41a) for holding the cleaning member; vibrating means (51) which is vibratable; wherein the holding means is movable toward and away from the image bearing member, and wherein the vibrating means (51) is supported on the holding means (41).